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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** Real Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

Real Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education and information about current real property issues through meetings, seminars, its website, pro bono service programs, and quarterly publication of a journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

As further stated in the Section's By-Laws, the Section's purpose is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to Real Property Law and to promote the fair and just administration of Real Property Law; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, including, but not limited to, pending legislation and drafting and introducing legislation; to study and report on pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the filing of amicus curiae briefs; to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the public on Real Property Law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to Real Property Law, by the preparation and dissemination of books, booklets, materials, pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writings in this field. The Section endeavors to promote professional responsibility and the prevention of malpractice among the members of the Bar.

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Council meetings as an addendum.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 13, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	November 3, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	December 15, 2010	Pizzeria Biga, Southfield
Council Meeting	January 12, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	February 16, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	April 13, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	May 4, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	July 22, 2011	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Traverse City, MI
Council Meeting	September 14, 2011	Annual Meeting, Hyatt, Dearborn

**General Budget Information:** While the Section's finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored. In addition, the Section has been making efforts to lower its accumulated income account with the State Bar by pursuing new initiatives and educational programs focused on newer members of the State Bar.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title				
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – The Bank Asset Recovery Checklist	October 7, 2010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham		

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(BARC) for Buying and Selling Bank Owned Real Estate”		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Appraisals”	November 4, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Economics of Property”	December 2, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Energy is Here to Stay”	January 13, 2011	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
ICSC/RPLS “Michigan: The Land Of Opportunity”	January 27, 2011	Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	February 1, 2011	BlackFinn, Royal Oak
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Total Redevelopment in the World of the Land Division Act – Platted and Unplatted Property”	February 3, 2011	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2011 Winter Conference “ABCs of Financial Reform”	March 10-12, 2011	The Willard InterContinental, Washington DC
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Show Me the Money: Non-Traditional Financing Resources	April 14, 2011	Detroit Athletic Club (DAC)
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Leasing Fundamentals”	May 5, 2011	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
YLS Section Summit Reception	May 20, 2011	Amway Grand
2011 Summer Conference “Finding the Silver Lining: Real Estate Opportunities Arising from the Economic Crisis”	July 20-23, 2011	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme, Michigan

**Other Programming:**

**November 10-11, 2010** – UM/ULI Real Estate Forum

**May 20, 2011** – Co-sponsor - Urban Farming Symposium

**Co-sponsored programs with ICLE.**

**March 15, 2011** – The New Detroit: Planning and Developing a Sustainable City - Athenaeum, Detroit

**April 12, 2011** – Commercial Foreclosures - Ann Arbor

**July 12, 2011** – Foreclosure and Short Sale Update - Ann Arbor

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<b>New this year!</b>			
Pizza and Property	November 2011	Wayne State Law School, Detroit, Michigan	
Pizza and Property	January 26, 2011	Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills, Michigan	
Quick Hits Program Letters of Intent	March 24, 2011	Mitchell's Seafood, Birmingham	
Quick Hits Program Purchase Agreements Part 1	May 12, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield	
Quick Hits Program Purchase Agreements Part 2	August 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield	

**Legislative issues:**

In addition to monitoring new legislation and responding to requests from the Michigan Supreme Court and others to file amicus curie briefs on real estate issues of importance, the Section has initiated a series of meeting with particular legislators to inform them of the Sections mission and expertise so that the Section can get involved with legislative real estate initiatives before new legislation is entered. In all cases the Section tries to limit its comments and recommendations to the efficient of administration of real estate law in general without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer of pro municipality).

**Recommendations for next Council:**

We believe that future Council should continuing pursuing outreach and educational programs for newer members of the State Bar and expand participation in the Section by real estate lawyers located outside of southeast Michigan. Future Council should also continue to support the new Enewsletter, coordinate the timing and topics between the Enewsletter and the RPLS Journal ( the quarterly hard-copy published scholarly journal of the Section), monitor the deliver mode for the RPLS Journal and support the new media efforts of the Section on LinkedIn and Facebook.

**Other Information:**

We have a large number of Special Committees which hold educational and networking meetings throughout the State of Michigan. The following is a list of the Special Committees:

Bankruptcy Debtor Creditors Rights  
Commercial Leasing of Real Estate  
Commercial Real Estate Finance  
Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives  
Commercial Real Estate Development and Ownership  
Construction  
Eminent Domain  
Environmental Law and Energy Law  
Federal Tax Aspects of Real Estate Transactions  
Residential Transactions  
State and Local Taxation  
Title and Conveyancing  
Water Law

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Zoning and Land Use

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